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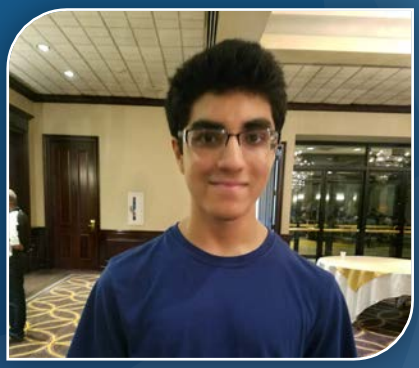

Advait Patel: GM Norm in Dallas

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Games Issue

This month features a wide variety of games, many annotated from various events in the area over the past several months. Thanks to all who have been sending in games and notes.

Special Articles

We also have a special article by problemist Danny Dunn introducing us to the amazing world of Helpmates, and a triple set of book reviews by IM John Donaldson

There is also news about newly-minted IM Advait Patel of Midwest City, results of the SW Missouri Diehard Open, and two new upcoming OCF-sponsored tournaments including the Steve Wharry Classic memorial tournament in November!

Enjoy.

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Patel (right) vs. Jennifer Yu in the last-round game.
(Photos by Karis Bellisario)

Advait Patel Earns First GM Norm

New International Master Advait Patel got his first GM Norm on Labor Day Weekend at the "North American Junior U-20 Championship," an official FIDE event that offered a GM norm to the winner. Although there were no grandmasters in this tournament, and few players from other countries, the field included two other strong IMs as well as 10-year-old monster Nikhil Kumar, who won the World Youth Championship for his age group earlier this year and has been regularly beating strong masters ever since. Patel impressively mowed down the field to win the tournament outright with a 8-1 score. See crosstable here:
http://www.uschess.org/component/option,com_wrapper/Itemid,181/

Patel turned 15 during this tournament. It seems only a matter of time before he earns the GM title. Here are some games:

Patel,Advait (2410) –
Yu,Jennifer (2279) [C24]
North American Junior U20 (9.1), 05.09.2017 *[TB] Patel needed to win this last-round game against one of the top female players in the country to win the tournament.* 1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb3 a5 6.a4 Bb4+ 7.c3 Bd6 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Na3 Nbd7 12.Nb5 Bb8 13.Re1 Ra6 14.d4 e4 15.Nd2 h6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bg3 Ng4 18.c4 dxc4 19.Nxc4 f5 20.Ncd6 Qf6 21.Bxe6+ Qxe6 22.d5 Qf6 23.Nxe4 Qxb2 24.d6 Qg7 25.h3 fxe4 26.hxg4 Re8 27.Rb1 Qf7 28.Qd4 Nf6 29.Rbd1 Rd8 30.f3 exf3 31.Rf1 Ne8 32.Rxf3 Qa2 33.Ra1 Qe6 34.Re1 Qa2 35.d7 Nd6 36.Bxd6 1-0

Patel,Advait (2410) –
Hillby,Craig (2401) [C95]
North American Junior U20 (7.1), 04.09.2017
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 c5 12.a4 Rb8 13.Nf1 Re8 14.Ng3 Bf8 15.Be3 exd4 16.cxd4 Bb7 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bf4 cxd4 19.Ng5 d5 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.exd5 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Nc5 23.Ba2 Nxd5 24.Qd2 h6 25.Qxd4 Qa8 26.b4 Na4 27.N5e4 Nxb4 28.Bb3 Bd5 29.Rb1 Bxb3 30.Rxb3 Nc6 31.Qd5 b4 32.Rf3 Qb7 33.Nf5 Nb6 34.Nxh6+ gxh6 35.Nf6+ 1-0

Checa,Nicolas (2454) –
Patel,Advait (2410) [E96]
North American Junior U20 (5.1), 03.09.2017
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 c6 8.Re1 Nbd7 9.Bf1 a5 10.d5 Nc5 11.b3 Qe7 12.Bb2 Bd7 13.a3 a4 14.b4 Nb3 15.Rb1 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bg4 18.Be2 Rac8 19.c5 Rfd8 20.cxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxe5 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Rxd5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.h3 Be6 25.Red1 Rc2 26.Rxd5 Bxd5 27.Bb5 Bc6 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rd1 Kf6 30.Rd7 Ra2 31.Rd6+ ½ - ½

Kumar,Nikhil (2317) –
Patel,Advait (2410) [A53]
North American Junior U20 (3.2), 02.09.2017
1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.e4 Nc5 6.f3 a5 7.Be3 c6 8.Nge2 Bd7 9.Nc1 Rb8 10.a3 cxd5 11.cxd5 a4 12.b4 axb3 13.Nxb3 b5 14.Be2 Na4 15.Nxa4 bxa4 16.Nd2 Be7 17.0-0 0-0 18.Nc4 Bb5 19.Qd2 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Nd7 21.Rab1 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Qc7 23.Bb5 Nc5 24.Qc2 Rb8 25.Rb4 Qa5 26.Qc4 Bd8 27.Bc6 Na6 28.Qxa6 Rxb4 29.Qxa5 Rb1+ 30.Kf2 Bxa5 31.Bxa4 Ra1 32.Bb5 Rxa3 33.g3 Rb3 34.Be2 Be1+ 35.Kxe1 Rxe3 36.Kf2 Ra3 37.h4 Kf8 38.g4 Ra2 39.h5 h6 40.Ke3 Ke7 41.Bc4 Ra3+ 42.Kf2 Kf6 43.Kg3 g6 44.hxg6 fxg6 45.Bf1 Kg5 46.Bh3 h5 47.gxh5 gxh5 48.Bg2 h4+ 49.Kh3 Ra2 50.Kh2 Kf4 51.Kh3 Rf2 52.Kh2 Rxf3 0-1

The Chess Pieces Dance!
by Danny Dunn

Editor's Note: There are two kinds of chess problems – realistic puzzles with game-like situations which are fun and practical because they use themes that often occur in tournament play, and composed puzzles (studies, mates, etc.) which are artistic and reward you with a jolt of the kind of beauty chess players love. Trying them is time well spent. "Helpmates" have the reputation of being the most amazing — and yet also the hardest for "practical players" to get into. Here chess composer Danny Dunn, who lives in Dallas, writes for us a great introduction to his particular specialty of chess puzzle — the helpmate — and it is well worth a look!

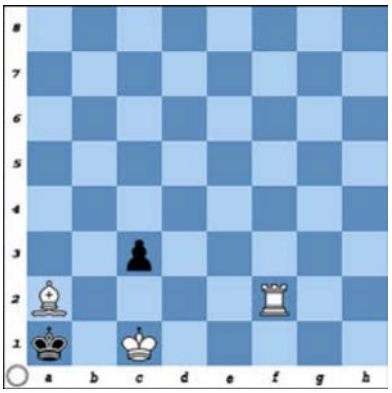
"(When solving helpmates) I can always sense when a solution is starting to work, because the cold, dead, chess pieces suddenly come alive and dance across the chessboard. At this point, a smile usually comes to my face, and my head starts to shake at the cleverness of the composer to even think of such a wonderful series of moves". — Danny Dunn

It doesn't take very long for chess players to realize that chess is an amazing game. OTB players regularly observe beautiful combinations, unexpected saving moves, and elegant checkmates. However, if you are only playing OTB chess, you should also take a look at composed chess problems. Not only are they a tough puzzle that can give a great deal of satisfaction to solve, but they also illustrate the beauty of chess to a degree that often approaches art.

Here is an example of a problem published over 100 years ago. I've shown it twice to members of the Fort Worth Chess Club and nobody has been able to solve it even through there are only five pieces and Black has only one possible move. See if you can solve it before looking at the solution.

(All solutions are given on page 21.)

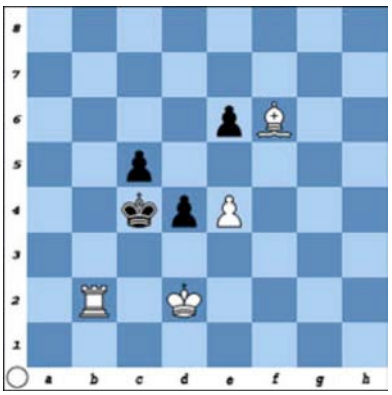
H.F.L. Meyer (1903)



Mate in Three

Here is a more complicated example composed by American composer William Shinkman. He was known as "The Wizard of Grand Rapids".

2. William A. Shinkman (1872)



Mate in Four

Did you get a little thrill if you solved one of these problems? Did you find the first move startling and

the mating themes interesting? This is exactly what the composer tries to achieve.

Helpmates

Problems 1 and 2 are "direct mate" problems and are easily recognized by OTB players, However, another genre of chess problem is the "helpmate." When I mention helpmates to OTB players they are immediately not interested. However, in *StrateGems* (an international chess problem magazine) more helpmates are solved every year than direct mates. They are definitely habit forming!

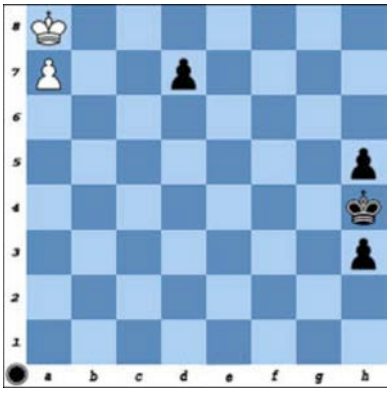
In a helpmate, Black "helps" White to create the mate — the two work together to checkmate the Black king. Normal chess rules apply and Black moves first.

It sounds easy, but it's not. Many helpmates are difficult to solve despite usually having few pieces on the board. One must try to envision the final mating position and figure out a sequence to achieve it. Often shorter problems will have two related solutions, or a "twin" (the original diagram with a small change) with a related solution.

Let's try an easy example. See problem #3.

It is an example of a minimal helpmate where White has only a K and one pawn. It is also a twin. Solve the diagram position (which is fairly easy) and then add a black bishop to e1 and then solve the twin problem (which has a similar position, but is more clever). A pawn can checkmate a Black K with the White K's help, but that is not going to happen in this position. Obviously, the pawn must be promoted. Can you envision a final mating position in the diagram? If you have trouble solving it, then go ahead and look at the solution. This will help you to understand how helpmates are supposed to work.

3. Arpad Molnar (2008)

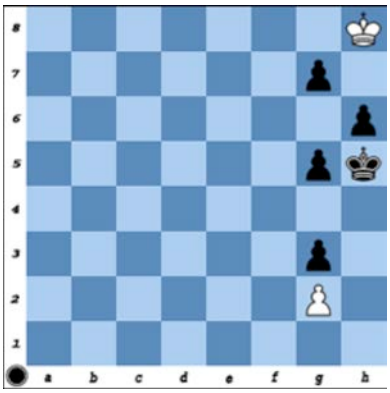


Helpmate in Three

Twin– Try the above diagram adding a black bishop to e1.

Next is a longer and cleverer problem. The pieces will have to work together to allow the pawn to checkmate Black in 7.

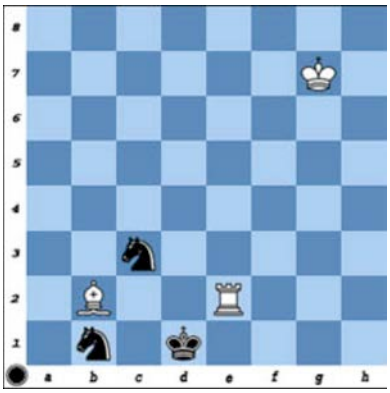
4. Harald Grubert (2010)



Helpmate in Seven

Here is an example of a helpmate where a Rundlauf (one of the pieces moves in a circle) is the theme.

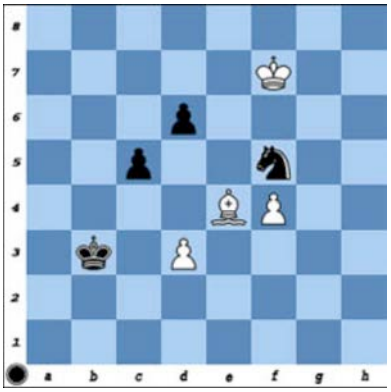
5. Zdravko Maslar (1963)



Helpmate in Four

Here is another example of a helpmate with a Rundlauf theme.

6. Eugene Albert (1966)



Helpmate in Four

Unfortunately, we have only touched on a small fraction of the chess problem genres that exist! There are also "Selfmates" where White forces Black to checkmate him. There are "Series" problems where only one side moves and the other side makes only the last move. There are fairy problems where the chess pieces and conditions take on different powers from regular chess.

If the world of chess problems interests you, email me here and I will send you a sample copy of *StrateGems* magazine to review.

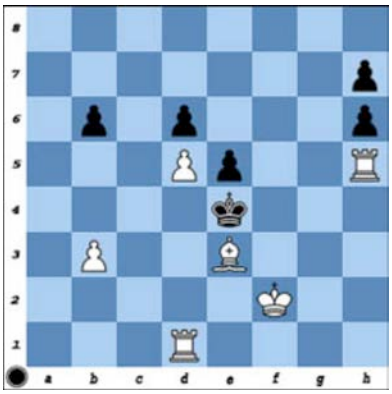
Quiz

I will leave you with a few additional quiz problems to solve — one direct mate, and a couple more great helpmates.

They use themes that we have been discussing. I hope that you have fun solving them.

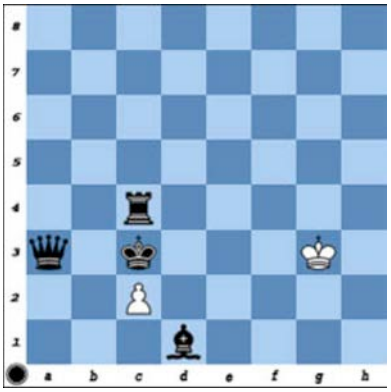
Answers again are on page 21.

7. M. Niemeijer (1928)



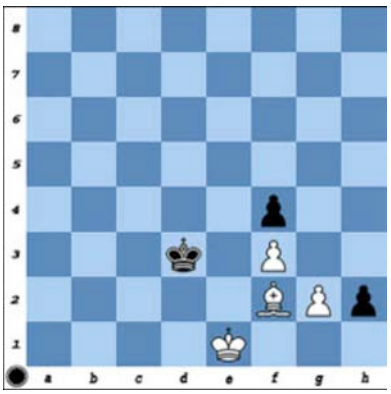
Mate in Four

8. Horst Bottger (2010)



Helpmate in Six

9. Arpad Rusz (1999)



Helpmate in Four

Coming in November...

The Steve Wharry Classic

Memorial Tournament November 25-26 Tulsa

See page 19 for details...

From the JERRY SPANN MEMORIAL

Malella, Abhishek (2251) –
Zhong, Howard (2245)
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 Okla City OK (5.1), 03.09.2017 [A06]
[Notes by TB]
This was the crucial last-round game on board one. 1.b3 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e4!? I think the first GM to ever play this interesting semi-gambit was the late Arthur Bisguier. In recent years Carlsen has tried it too. 3...dxe4 4.Ne5 [The Carlsen game went 4.Ng5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ncxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 e5 11.f4 exf4 12.Qh5 Nd4 13.Rxf4 g6 14.Qe5 b6 15.Raf1 Bf5 16.g4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.c3 Nc6 21.Ne8+ 1-0 Carlsen,M (2872)-Anand,V (2773)/Zuerich 2014] 4...Nd7 5.Bb5 Ngf6 Black has a good game now, as White will not be able to maintain the knight on e5 and will have to trade it off, which is loss of time. 6.Qe2 e6 [Or 6...a6 7.Bxd7+ Nxd7! 8.Qxe4 Nxe5 9.Qxe5 Qd4! would give black a slight edge in the endgame due to the two bishops.] 7.Bb2 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nxd7 Bxd7 10.Bxd7 Qxd7 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 Rfd8 13.Rd1 Rac8 14.0-0 b5!? [14...Qd5 is equal but drawish, and black needed to win this last-round game.] 15.Qg4 Bf8 16.Bf6 Re8 17.Rfe1 Kh8 18.Bc3 c4 19.b4 f6 20.Re3 Qf7 White is better here, with pressure on e6, but black does have a clever plan of counterplay with Rc8-c6-a6. 21.f4!? Qg6 22.Qxg6 hxg6 23.Rde1 [23.a4! bxa4 24.Ra1 a5 25.Rxa4 axb4 26.Bxb4 Bxb4 27.Rxb4 White looks slightly better with no losing chances, so considering the standings in the tournament this would have been better.] 23...Rc6 The constant threat of ...Ra6 gives black counterplay. 24.g4!? [24.a4 bxa4 25.Ra1 Ra6=] 24...Ra6 25.g5 Kg8! 26.a3 [26.gxf6 gxf6 27.Bxf6? Bxb4] 26...Kf7 Now it is black with a slight edge, as white's pawn attack on f6 has only weakened his kingside, which Zhong is able to exploit well in the next few moves. 27.Bb2 Rd6 28.R1e2 Rd5 29.Rg2 Bd6 30.Rh3 Rg8 [30...Bxf4? 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Rh7+ Kg8 33.Rxa7 g5 34.Bxf6] 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Re2
[Like any strong master, Mallela doesn't want to go into passive defense with something like 32.Rf2 Rf5 33.Rh4, however his attempt to sacrifice the f4 pawn for counterplay doesn't work out well. Still, I can't think of anything better to recommend.] 32...Rh5 [32...Bxf4 33.Rh7+ Rg7 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7 35.Rxe6 Rxd2 36.Re7+ Kh6 37.Bxf6 I think was white's idea, but even then 37...Rxc2 is probably winning for black, since 38.Re8 is foiled by 38...g5 Instead, Zhong's ...Rh5 is also strong, taking over the rook file and stopping white's Rh7+ threats, while also targeting h2 pawn.] 33.Rhe3? [33.Rf3 is now white's only chance. Perhaps he overlooked that he is losing the h2-pawn as well as the f4-pawn here. 33...g5 34.f5 e5 with a big edge for black.]
33...Bxf4 34.Rxe6 Bxh2+ 35.Kg2

35...Be5!
Suddenly all white's pieces are hanging!
36.Ra6 [36.R6xe5 fxe5 37.Bxe5 Re8 38.Rf2+ Rf5 is hopeless.] 36...Rh2+! Without this move, trading rooks before capturing on b2, black

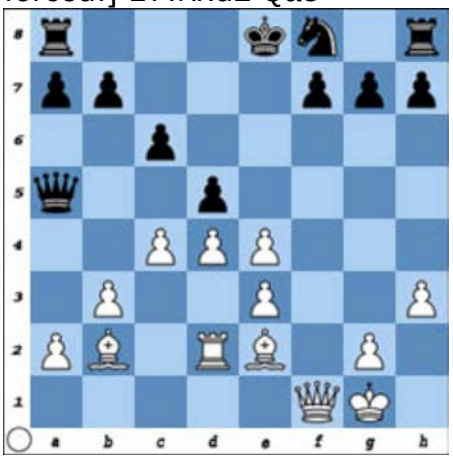
would not be winning. Perhaps Malella overlooked that when going into this stuff. 37.Kf3 Rxe2 38.Kxe2 Bxb2 39.Rxa7+ Ke6 40.c3 Is the bishop trapped? White threatens K-d1-c2. 40...Rd8 Nope. 41.a4 Getting a passed pawn for counterplay, but it won't be enough as Zhong still has 10 minutes left, and will be careful. The rest needs no further comment. 41...Bc1 42.axb5 Bxd2 43.Ra6+ Kf5 44.Ra3 Bf4 45.Ra5 Be5 46.b6 Ke4 47.Rc5 Bxc3 48.Rxc4+ Bd4 49.b7 Rb8 50.Rc7 f5 51.Rd7 g5 52.Kf1 g4 53.Kg2 f4 54.Re7+ Be5 55.b5 f3+ 56.Kg1 g3 57.b6 Rd8 Thus Howard Zhong won the 2017 Jerry Spann Memorial title. 0-1

Carlson,Martin (2077) –
Nugent,Michael (1650) [A57]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (4.6), 03.09.2017
[Notes by TB]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Qc2 bxc4 6.e4 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bxc4 Be7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.a3 0-0 12.Bd3 h6 13.Re1 Rxf3!? 14.gxf3 Nd4 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Qd3

Black would like to move his d5 knight away somewhere with tempo so that ...Nxf3+ can be played, but how? 16...Nb4 is not good enough.
16...Nxf3+?
[16...Bg5! taking control of the dark squares, in particular f4 (paving the way for ...Nf4 followed by ...Nxf3+), would have been a cool winning plan. The game move is flashy but only enough for rough equality, although black goes on to win. 17.Nc3 Bxc1 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Raxc1 Nxf3+ 20.Kf1 Qg5 etc.] 17.Qxf3 Kxh7= 18.Qd3+ Kh8 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 c4 21.Qg6 Qf8 22.Qg3 Qf5 23.Be3 Qe4 24.f3 Qc6 25.Re2 Rf8 26.Rg2 g5 27.f4 Qxg2+ 28.Qxg2 Bxg2 29.Kxg2 gxf4 30.Bxa7 Ra8 31.Bd4 Rxa3 32.Rb1 Rb3 33.Ra1 Ba3 34.Kf3 Bb4 35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.Rb8 Be7 37.Rc8 Rb2 38.Rxc4 Rxh2 39.Rc7 Bg5 40.Rxd7+ Kg6 41.Rd6 [Carlsen has been playing good defense but this loses. He had still some chances after. 41.c4 for example. 41...Rc2 42.c5 h5 43.Rb7 h4 44.Rb2 Rc1 45.Kg4 Rc4 46.Bf2 and here black would have to find the computer's winning line of: 46...h3 47.Kxh3 Kf5] 41...Kf5 42.c4 Rh3+ 43.Kg2 Rd3 44.c5 f3+ 45.Kf1 Rb3 46.c6 Bh4 47.Kg1 Rb1+ 48.Kh2 Kg4 0-1

Braunlich,Tom (2203) –
Zachare,Logan (2008) [A53]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (4.5), 03.09.2017
[Notes by TB]
1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 Bg4 4.Nbd2 Nbd7 5.h3 Bxf3 [5...Bh5!?] 6.Nxf3 e5 7.e3 Be7 8.b3 [8.Qc2!? exd4 *(8...c6 9.Bd3)* 9.exd4 d5 is okay for black.] 8...c6 9.Bb2 e4!? [Achieving a sort of reversed French advance variation, but white is fine with that. Perhaps better was 9...0-0 10.Be2 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Rfe8 with only a slight endgame edge for white.] 10.Nd2 d5 11.Be2 Nf8 [Intending Nf8-g6-h4, but it is too ambitious and neglecting development. (Better was 11...0-0 when 12. 0-0 followed by a quick f2-f3 gives white some small edge. After 11...Nf8, however I thought of immediately trying to open the center to take advantage of black's delayed development, but had to evaluate the consequences of the exchange sacrifice that might arise:] 12.f3!? [12.0-0 Ne6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bb5+ Nd7 15.f3 is objectively better, but not as interesting!] 12...Nh5!? This is tempting, but white is ready to sacrifice to take advantage of lead in development now. [12...Ng6 13.fxe4 dxe4 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qc2 Re8 with a playable position for black, although I like white here.] 13.0-0 Ng3 14.fxe4! Nxf1? [Black really should not take the bait and instead try 14...dxe4 During the game I was intending to insist on getting the e-pawn out of the way with 15.Rf4 Ng6 16.Nxe4!? Nxf4 17.Nxg3 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 when I felt white's

pawns rolling in the center would be strong. However, the computer says black is dynamically equal there, probably because, unlike the game, white doesn't have the bishop pair.] 15.Qxf1 Bb4! Behind in development, black has to scramble. But I hadn't anticipated this good defensive try. 16.Rd1 Bxd2 [I was more concerned about the immediate 16...Qa5 when I was intending 17.exd5!? *(*Sacrificing a piece, since *17.Bc1* looked unappealing, although actually it is fine for white.*)* 17...Bxd2 18.dxc6 Bxe3+ 19.Kh1 when I thought the threat of Qf3 might be something (for a rook!). Surprisingly, the computer says this is "=" after 19...0-0-0! 20.Qf3 Bh6 21.cxb7+ Kb8 etc. White would have three connected passed pawns for the rook. But it isn't forced.] 17.Rxd2 Qa5



18.Qc1! Apparently Zachare underestimated this move, which threatens to quickly penetrate on the c-file. And if black prevents that by capturing on e4 then d4-d5 is strong, opening up the bishop's attack on the long diagonal. 18...Ng6 [18...dxe4 19.d5 f6 looks too bad to contemplate.] 19.cxd5 cxd5 [19...0-0 20.dxc6 bxc6 might be the best try, since at least his king would be safe; but white's positional compensation for the exchange here would be overwhelming.] 20.Ba3 Cutting off black's king from ...0-0. Ne7 21.Rc2 b5 Hoping for ...b4. 22.Bxe7 Kxe7 23.Rc7+ Kd8 24.Rc5! Ke7 25.Bg4 [25.Bxb5 Rhd8 26.Bc6 wins more easily] 25...Rhe8 26.Rc7+ Kf8 27.Bd7! dxe4 [27...Rxe4? 28.Qc5+ Kg8 29.Rc8+] 28.Qc5+ Kg8 29.Bxe8 Rxe8 30.Rc8 Rd8 31.Rxd8+? [Spoiling a nice game. The simple 31.b4 wins immediately. Now white gets a pawn up queen ending in a time scramble, which is always tricky.] 31...Qxd8 32.Qxb5 h6 33.Qb7 Qh4 34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.Qf5+ Kg8 36.Qf2 Qg5 37.Kf1 Qb5+ 38.Kg1 Qd3 39.Kh2 Qb5 40.Qf4 f5 41.h4 Kh7 42.Qe5 Qf1 43.d5 g5 44.d6 f4 45.Qxe4+ Kg7 46.exf4 Qf2 47.fxg5 1-0

Jerry Spann – "Best Game Prizes"

Harold Brown of Tulsa donated $200 for Best Game prizes in both the open and reserve sections. The candidate games were judged by players at the Tulsa Chess Club downtown.

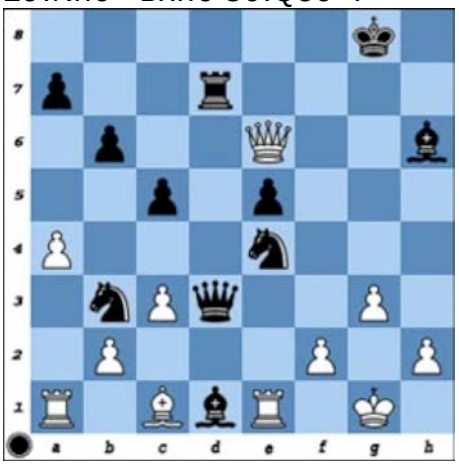
The winner in the Open Section was Nugent – Glashausser (see "Game of the Month" later in this issue).

The other prizewinner and some "runner up" games are presented here:

Long,James (1990) –
Ilonze,Chibuzo (2158) [A08]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (5.2),
03.09.2017 *[Notes by TB]*
This game was runner-up for "Best Game." 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 d5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Re1 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qc7 10.c3 Rd8 11.Qe2 h6 12.Nc4 e5 13.a4 b6 14.Qc2 Be6 15.Nfd2?! Rd7 16.Bf1 Rad8 17.Ne3 Qd6 18.Nf3 Na5 19.Bb5 Bb3! 20.Qe2 Nxe4! 21.Ng4 f5 22.Nxh6+ Kh7 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Nxf5!? gxf5 25.Nh4 Bd1!

26.Qf1 Nb3 [The computer gives this odd

winning line for black: 26...Qd3 27.Qxd3 *(27.Qh3 Bg4)* 27...Rxd3 28.Nxf5 Nb3 29.Ra3 Nxc1 30.Rxe4 Rd2 31.Nxg7 Bf3 32.Re1 Nd3 33.Rea1 Kxg7] 27.Nxf5! Qd3? [27...Qg6 is a try to win, although the computer analyzes it to a draw after 28.Rxd1 Rxd1 29.Qxd1 Qxf5 30.f3 Ng5 31.Bxg5! Nxa1 32.h4!] 28.Qh3+ Kg8 29.Nh6+ Bxh6 30.Qe6+!



[Here the players called it a draw, although there is still fight left in the position after the forced move 30…. Rf7 For example: 31.Bxh6 Bh5 32.Qxe5 *(32.Qxb3? Nxf2)* 32...Qf3 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Qxe4+ Qxe4 35.Rxe4 Nxa1 when white would have 3 pawns for a piece in an unclear endgame.] **½-½**

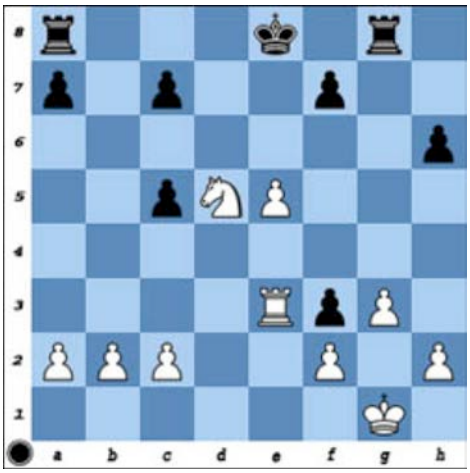
Graham-Bowcaster,Shaun (1980) -
Patton,Tom (2080) [A26]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (2.4), 02.09.2017
[Notes by TB]
Another contender for the "Best Game" prize. 1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 Be6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.Nd5 h6 9.Be3 Qd7 10.Qd2 g5!? [10...0-0-0!?] 11.Qc3 0-0 12.b4 Ng6 13.h4 Nf4? [Typical creative play by Tom Patton, but overly ambitious. Better was 13...gxh4 14.gxh4 f5 with a good game for black.] 14.gxf4 exf4 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.hxg5 Qe7 [16...fxe3? 17.Rxh6+ Bxh6 18.Nxd7+] 17.Bxf4 Ne5 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Kd2 [19.Qxe5 Qxb4+ 20.Kf1 would threaten Rxh6+ followed by Qh2, and wins. But despite some clever resistance here from black, there are many wins for white.] 19...Rfd8 20.Kc2 a5 21.Qxe5 Rxd3!? 22.Nf4 [22.Rxh6+ Bxh6 23.Rh1 Qd8 24.Nd5+] 22...Rad8 23.N4d5 R3xd5 24.cxd5 Qxb4 25.gxh6 Qa4+ 26.Kd2 Rxd5+ 27.exd5 Qb4+ 28.Ke2 Bg4+ 29.Kf1 1-0

Ilonze,Chibuzo (2158) –
Patton,Tom (2080) [A82]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (4.3), 03.09.2017
1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 d5 4.f3 e3 5.Bxe3 Nc6 6.Bb5 e6 7.Nge2 Bd6 8.Qd2 Qf6 9.Bg5 Qf7 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Rae1 Nf6 12.Nf4 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nd3 Rae8 15.Na4 c5 16.Naxc5 Bb5 17.Rf2 Bxd3 18.Nxd3 Nd7 19.Rfe2 Qh5 20.Bf4 Rf6 21.Bxd6 cxd6 22.Nf4 Qf5 23.Nd3 Nf8 24.Qb4 Rd8 25.Qa5 Rd7 26.Qb5 Rd8 27.Nb4 Rf7 28.Qa5 Rc8 29.Qa6 Rd8 30.Re3 Qf6 31.Kh1 g5 32.Kg1 Kg7 33.Qe2 Rc8 34.c3 h6 35.Qf2 Rd7 36.Nd3 Qg6 37.Qg3 Rcc7 38.f4 g4 39.Nf2 h5 40.h3 gxh3 41.Qxh3 Qf5 42.Rg3+ Kf7 43.Qh2 Ng6 44.Rg5 Qxf4 45.Qxh5 Qf6 46.Ng4 Qg7 47.Rf1+ 1-0

Malella,Abhishek (2251) –
Glashausser,Sho (1842) [A45]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (1.1), 02.09.2017
[TB]
Another contender for best game prize with its nice final combination. 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Qf3!? d5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.c4 Bxb5 7.cxb5 Qd7 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.a4 a6 10.bxa6 Ne4 11.Rc1 0-0 12.Qd1 Rxa6 [12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Rxa6 Black is better.] 13.Nge2 Rxa4 14.Bxc7 Nxc3 15.Nxc3 Ra6 16.Bf4 Nc6= 17.0-0 Na5 18.Qe2 Raa8 19.Rfd1 Rfc8 20.Na2 Bd6 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Qa6 Bxf4 23.exf4 Young Sho had played quite well this game but had left himself with less than 2 minutes on the clock already. So it isn't surprising he gets outplayed from here on out nicely by Malella… Qc6 24.Nb4 Qb7 25.Qe2 Rc4 26.Nc2 h6 27.h3 Qc7 28.Ne3 Rc6 29.f5 Qd7 [29...Rc1 30.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 31.Kh2 Qc7+ 32.g3=] 30.Qg4 exf5? 31.Nxf5 [Black gave up because his intended … Rg6 is met by 32.Nxh6+ gxh6 33.Qxd7] 1-0

"Best Game" – Reserve Section

Wood, Mark Conan (1608) –
Teubner,Gabe (1021) [C64]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017-Reserve (4.20), 03.09.2017 *[Notes by TB]*
Young scholastic player Gabe Teubner wins the "Best Game" prize of $100 in the Reserve Section.
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qxd4 Nf6! [8...Qf6 would seem to be good but runs into trouble after 9.Qa4 Bd7 10.Qa5 requiring the retreat 10...Qd8] 9.Bg5 h6 Judging correctly that the coming ending with his pawns doubled is not dangerous for black. 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 As compensation for his bad pawns, black has the bishop in this ending, some open files, and the chance of dissolving his doubled pawns with ...f5. 12.Rd1 A good move by white, threatening to harrass black's weak kingside with Rd1-d3-f3. 12...f5 13.0-0 Rg8?! Black has in mind playing ...f4 and ...Bh3. [Instead 13...fxe4 14.Nxe4 f5 15.Nc3 Be6 16.Rfe1 Kd7 gives black an equal game, but maybe he wanted more.] 14.Rfe1 Tactics come into play suddenly. Black's king is awkwardly placed. 14...f4 15.e5! d5 16.Rd4 f3 17.g3 Bb7!? Setting a trap, into which white "falls", by indirectly protecting the f3 pawn with this bishop. Still, it should not have worked. But the judges thought it was a creative bit of play by the young Gabe Teubner...
18.Re3?
[18.Rf4 is a better way to win the wayward f3 pawn, after which white is just going to be a pawn up, i.e. 18...c5 19.Rxf3 d4 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Rb8 22.b3 and white should win.] 18...c5 No doubt white was expecting this and thought he had a clever tactical answer — but there is a big hole in white's plan! 19.Rxd5 Bxd5 20.Nxd5
Now white threatens forks on both c7 and f6, winning back the exchange; and if 20...Kd8 then 21. Rxf3 is crushing (two pawns for the exchange and more soon to fall).
But...



20...0-0-0! Getting out of both threats! 21.Rxf3? [White probably had been planning to play here 21.Ne7+ Kb7 22.Nxg8 but had overlooked something — back rank mate!; With this sudden turn of events, White made an unfortunate blunder and lost instantly. But he could have kept the game going with 21.Ne7+ Kb7 and only now 22.Rxf3 with two pawns for the exchange, but black gets very active rooks. Then the position would be roughly balanced after 22...Rge8 23.Rb3+ Ka6 24.Nc6 Rd1+ 25.Kg2 Re6 26.Nb8+ Ka5 27.Ra3+ Kb6 28.Rb3+ Ka5 draw by repetition.]
21...Rxd5 0-1

Abouzahr, Omar (1286) –
Boevers, Anna (1160) [C54]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017ñReserve (4.18), 03.09.2017 *[TB]*
1.e4 This game was "runner up" for the Best Game prize in the Reserve Section. 1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bg4 6.b4 Bb6 7.d3 Nf6 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.Be3? [White should not allow his kingside pawns to be doubled. Better was 9.Nbd2 0-0=] 9...Bxf3 10.gxf3 0-0-0!? [An interesting pawn sac, which at first I thought was silly! But she does get an aggressive kingside attack using the open f-file where white has big weaknesses on f4 and f3. However, it is all quite risky, when actually she had a simple move 10...0-0 that gives a clear advantage to black, who can swing both knights around to occupy the f4 point, with a ready-made kingside attack to follow.] 11.Bxb6? [Inserting this capture before grabbing on f7 is a positional error,

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Top 25 Active Oklahoma Players				
	Player	This Month	Change +/-	
1	Advait Patel	2588	38	
2	Daniel Ng	2273	0	
3	Howard Zhong	2264	29	
4	Mark Hulsey	2221	0	
5	Tom Braunlich	2209	6	▲
6	Tom Amburn	2200	0	
7	Sergey Galant	2188	-15	▼
8	David Zelnick	2154	0	▲
9	Chibuzo C Ilonze	2147	-31	▼
10	Joshua Alexander	2142	0	
11	Jamal I. El Chamieh	2124	0	
12	Anthony Paolercio	2121	0	
13	Ryan Farell	2089	0	
14	Chuck Johnson	2087	0	
15	John Cope	2084	0	
16	James Tyner	2074	0	
17	Tom Patton	2068	-12	▼
18	David Luscomb	2068	0	
19	Charles D Unruh	2062	0	
20	Michael Nugent	2056	0	
21	Veronika Zilajeva	2053	-18	▼
22	Matt Dalthorp	2052	0	
23	Charles M Unruh	2039	34	▲
24	Alan Islas	2024	0	▼
25	James Long	2010	39	▲

Player of the Month

AARON PETERS

The youngster won the Novice section of the 83rd Southwest Open this month. See *News Bites* for the story.

further weakening f4. He should leave the bishop alone and play 11.Bxf7 Kb8 12.Nd2 with a superior version of what happens in the game.] 11...cxb6 12.Bxf7 Qe7!? [Black might also play 12...Kb8 to avoid the exchange of queens (planning ...Rhf8 followed by ...Nh5-f4, etc., similar to the game), or try the computer's recommendation of; 12...d5!? 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Rxd5 16.Rd1 Rf8 17.Kg2 and black is better her despite being temporarily a pawn down. (Note that this particular line only works because of white's decision to trade bishops on b6).]

13.Qe6+ Qxe6 14.Bxe6+ Kc7 White is a pawn up and "should" be better, or at least not worse. But practically speaking, as Anthony Paolercio pointed out, the hole on f4 where the black knight will come is huge compensation, and gives black an easy-to-play initiative. Kudos to Anna B for realizing this would be so, and for playing the rest of the game so well! 15.a4 [15.Bg4! is my recommendation, simply preventing black from playing ...Nh5-f4. Black would then have to switch plans, and would be forced to find: 15...d5! 16.Na3 dxe4 17.dxe4 Rd3! threatening both ...Rxc3 and ...h5. 18.Rfd1 Rhd8 19.Rxd3 Rxd3 20.Rc1 h5 21.Bf5 Rxf3 and black is slightly better having won the pawn back with a superior position.] 15...Rdf8 16.Nd2 Nh5 17.Bc4 Nf4 She has obvious ways to infiltrate now with ...Rf6-g6-g2 for instance, and practically speaking it is hard for white to defend such a position. 18.Nb3 Rf6 19.d4 exd4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rhf8 22.Rfc1 Kb8 23.Ra3 Rg6+ 24.Kf1 Nh3 [Somewhat stronger is 24...Rg2 25.h3 Rh2 26.Ke1 Rh1+ 27.Bf1 *(27.Kd2? Rxc1 28.Kxc1 Rc8)* 27...Nxh3 and black is seriously better.] 25.Ke2? [25.Rac3! would give white a hope of some back-rank Rc8 threats for

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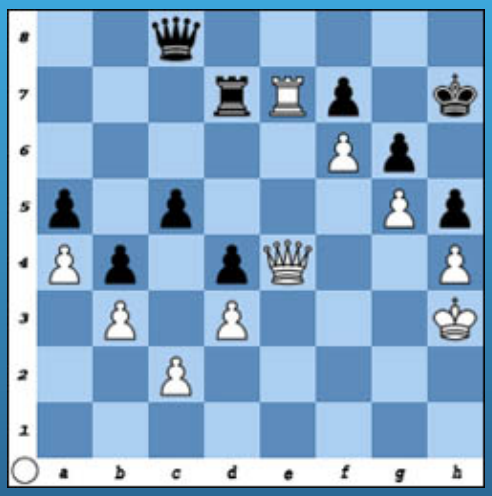
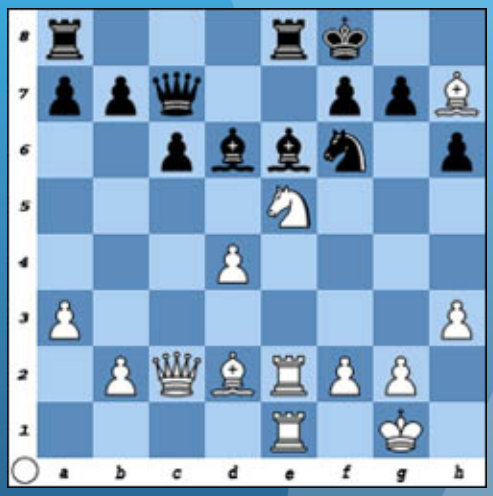


White to move and win material. (Easy)



White to move and win material. (Medium)

counterplay, i.e. the computer gives this interesting line: 25...Rg1+ 26.Ke2 Rg2 27.Ke3 Rxf2 28.Bf7! a6 29.Rc7 Rxh2 30.Bd5 So black would have to be very careful.] 25...Ng1+ 26.Kd1 Nxf3 27.Rd3 Nxh2 Black is a pawn up and winning now. 28.Rh3 Rg1+ [28...Rxf2 wins much faster. 29.Ke1 Rb2 30.Bf1 Rg1] 29.Kc2 Rxf2+ 30.Kb1 Rxc1+ 31.Kxc1 h6 32.Rg3 Nf3 33.Rxg7 Nxd4 34.Rg8+ Kc7 35.Rg7+ Kd8 36.Rg8+ Ke7 37.Rg7+ Ke8 38.Rg8+ Rf8 39.Rg6 Ke7 40.Rxh6 Rc8! and black won. 0-1

Bharucha,Kersi (1248) –
Ellis,Jared (1539) [B13]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017- Reserve (2.14), 02.09.2017
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Bd7 10.Re1 Rc8 11.Ne5 a6 12.Ndf3 b5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.a3 Ne8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qh3 Bg5 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bxg5 Qxg5 21.Rxe6 Ng7 22.Re3 Rce8 23.Rae1 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 Re8 25.b4 Rxe3 26.fxe3 Qe7 27.Qg3 Kf7 28.Be2 Ne8 29.Bf3 Nd6 30.Kf2 Nc4 31.e4 dxe4 32.Be2 Nxa3 33.Qh3 Kg7 34.Qg3 Bd5 35.h4 Nc4 36.h5 Qd6 37.Qg5 Kh7 38.hxg6+ Qxg6 39.Qe7+ Qf7 40.Qh4+ Kg7 41.Bh5 Qf6 42.Qg3+ Kh6 43.Be8 f4 44.Qh3+ Kg7 45.Qd7+ Bf7 46.Qg4+ Kf8 47.Bc6 Qxc6 48.Qxf4 e3+ 49.Ke2 Qxg2+ 50.Kd3 Qd2+ 51.Ke4 Qc2+ 52.Kf3 Qf2+ 53.Kg4 Qxf4+ 0-1

Rairden, James (1548) –
Wang, Oscar (1471) [A06]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 -Reserve (3.17), 03.09.2017 *[TB]*
Oscar Wang won the reserve section with quality solid play. There is this example against veteran James Rairden:
1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.Ne5 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Qg5 8.f4 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qd8 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.d3 Nf6 12.Nd2 Be7 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.Ne5 a5 15.a4 Qb4+ 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Rc8 18.Ba3 [18.Bc3 Bd8 19.Rhf1] 18...0-0 19.h3 Rfd8 20.g4 Nd7

Answers to the Puzzles

These two puzzles are taken from recent GM games played in September:

(1) *from Vachier-Lagrave – Aronian, World Cup Semi-Final 2017.* 1. Qe6! wins the f-pawn and the game. Black resigned… 1…Rc7 2. Rxf7+ Kg8 3. Qxc8 Rxc8 4. Rg7+ etc.

(2) *from Carlsen – Granda Zuniga, Isle of Man, 2017.* 1. Ng6+! and white will win his piece back by force and have a won pawn-up endgame. The game continued 1…fxg6 2. Rxe6, Nxh7 (2… Rxe6 3. Rxe6, Nxh7 4. Rxd6! Nf6 (4…Qxd6 5. Bb4) 5. Bb4, Kf7 6. Qc4+ Nd5 7.Rxd5) 3.Rxe8+, Rxe8 4. Rxe8+, Kxe8 5. Qxg6+ Kd8 6. Qxh7 (white has won a pawn) Qe7 7. g3 Kc7 8. Qg6 1-0

21.Nxd7 Rxd7 22.Rab1 f6 23.d4? [23.Bb2 c4!? 24.bxc4 dxc4 25.Bc3=] 23...cxd4 24.Bxe7 dxe3+ 25.Kxe3 Rxe7 26.Rhe1 Rce8 0-1

Eitrheim,Eric (1718) – Ilonze,Chibuzo (2158) [B12]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (1.5), 02.09.2017 *[TB]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.b3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Nge7 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Ne2 Rac8 14.Ng5 Nf5 15.Be3 g6 16.Rad1 Be7 17.Bf4 Nb4 18.Qh3 h6 19.Nf3 h5 20.g4 hxg4 21.Qxg4 Kg7 22.Ng3 Nxg3 23.fxg3 Nxa2 24.Bg5 Qd8 25.Bf6+ Bxf6 26.exf6+ Qxf6 27.Ne5 Qe7 28.Rf2 g5 29.Qh5 [29.Rxa2] **29...f6 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Ng6 Qg7 33.Qxg7+ Kxg7 34.Nxf8 Nc3 35.Nxe6+ Kf7 36.Nxg5+ Kg6 37.Rdf1 fxg5 38.Rc2 Rc6 39.Rf3 Nb5 40.Rxc6+ bxc6 41.Rd3 Kf5 42.Rd2** [42.h4 gxh4 43.gxh4 Kg4 44.Kf2 Kxh4 45.Ke3 is winning.] **42...Ke4 43.Rc2? Nxd4 44.Rc5 Nxb3 45.Rxc6 d4 46.Kf2 a5 47.Ke2 d3+ 48.Kd1 g4 49.Rc4+ Kf3 50.Rc3 a4 51.Rxd3+ Kg2 52.Ke1 Kxh2 53.Kf2 Nc5 54.Rd4 Kh3 55.Rc4 Nd3+ 56.Ke3 Nb2 57.Rb4 a3 58.Rb8 Kxg3 59.Ra8 Kg2 60.Kf4 ½-½**

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Amburgy,Ryan (1728) – Wawrzaszek,Jason (2014) [D10]
2017 Kansas Open, 23.07.2017
[Notes by Laurence Coker]
{D10: Slav Defence: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3} 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 {last book move} 5...e6 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 Bb4 8.Qd3 Nc6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.e5 fxe5 13.Ng5 e4 14.Ngxe4 f5 15.Ng3 Bd7 16.Be2 Rad8 17.Nh5 Be8 18.Qg3+ Bg6 19.Nf4 Rf6 20.Bh5 Rxd4 21.Nxg6 (21. O-O {better} Bd6 22. Qg5 Be7 {-/+(ñ1.32)}) 21...hxg6 22.Bxg6 (22. O-O better but still losing Bd6 23. Qg5 Kf7 24. Be2) 22...Re4+ 23.Kd1 Rg4 0-1

Blair, David (1961) – Cao, Zile (1698) [D05]
2017 Kansas Open (2), 22.07.2017
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Bd3 Nbd7 5.Nbd2 e6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 Nf6 11.Rh4 Re8 12.Ne5 c5 13.Bxh7+ Nxh7 14.Qh5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Kf8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qxh7 Qxe5 18.Rh5 f5 19.Rd1 Kf7 20.Rg5 Rg8 21.Qg6+ Ke7 22.Rxf5 Qxf5 23.Bg5+ Qxg5 24.Qxg5+ Kf7 25.Rd3 b6 26.Qh5+ Ke7 27.Qg5+ Kf7 28.Rf3+ Ke8 29.Qg6+ Kd8 30.Qf7 1-0

AARON PETERS WINS SOUTHWEST OPEN NOVICE SECTION

Aaron Peters tied for first place in the Novice section of the 83rd Southwest Open this month in Dallas, with an notable 5½-1½ score. He won $250.

But what is truly impressive is that the youngster has been only playing traditional chess tournaments for a year. *His rating has gone from a "provisional" 549 all the way now up to 1463 in just nine months!*

At that rate he will be number one in the world in 18 more months! Clearly he is talented and a player to keep an eye on.

Here he is pictured with pal Zile Cao (who also did quite well in this event and has raised his rating up to 1780!)

Here is his nice win against a rival player who also ended tied for first:

Singh, Aarush Vikram (1342)
Peters, Aaron (1406)
Southwest Open. 2017.09.04. Round 6.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Be2 Bd6 6.Bg3 Ne4 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Qe7 11.O-O Rd8 12.Qe1 h5 13.h3 g5 14.Qc3 Nb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Qa5 a6 17.c4 Nb6 18.Qc3 Na4 19.Qc2 Nc5 20.Rad1 g4 21.h4 O-O 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.b4 Nd3 24.Rd1 Kg7 25.Bxd3 exd3 26.Qc3 Be4 27.Rd2 Qd7 28.Bf4 Qa4 29.Qc1 Qc2 30.Qe1 Qxc4 31.Bg5 Rd5 32.Kh2 Qc3 33.Kg3 Qxe5+ 34.Bf4 Qc3 0-1

SW MISSOURI 'DIEHARDS' OPEN

NM John Peterson (MO) and Sheena Zeng (KS-1950) tied for 1st in the 2nd Southwest Missouri "Diehards" Open held in Joplin, Sept. 23-24, at the Hilton Garden Inn. They both had 4-1 scores, and Zeng upset expert Anthony Paolercio (OK) in the fourth round, who tied for 3rd at 3.5 points with James Long (OK).

"This was probably our strongest event yet with 19 players rated 1600+ and another 5 over 1500," said tournament director Martin Stahl. Robert and Chris Talbot (MO) shared the U1600 prize, David Morgan (AR) received the U1400, and Aaron Brown (KS) took home the U1200/Unrated prize.
We will try to have games in a future issue. Crosstable here:

http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201709244562.1-12889327

NM John Peterson (left) vs James Long.

The nice venue at Hilton Garden Inn, Joplin.

"Your Opponent is Overrated" and Two Other New Books by IM John Donaldson

- *Your Opponent is Overrated (*2016, 220 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, $24.95) by James Schuyler
- *Morphy Move by Move* (2016, 342 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, $29.95) by Zenon Franco
- *The Sicilian Sveshnikov Move by Move* (2016, 400 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, $29.95) by Cyrus Lakdawala

The English publishing firm Everyman Chess publishes books for all levels of players from those starting out (*Tips for Young Players* by Matthew Sadler) to advanced (anything by Garry Kasparov), but it's bread and butter is the club player market defined roughly as those rated 1700 to 2300. This is a wide range, but most Everyman Chess books fall in this category. That is the case with three recent offerings.

Your Opponent is Overrated by FIDE Master James Schuyler is an interesting and original book that could have also been titled *Chess Favors the Optimistic* or *Play for the Win.* Schuyler, who was once one of the top-rated junior players in the United States, focuses on the practical in this volume which covers a potpourri of subjects aimed at getting better results for those in the club player range (1400-2000).

This book features 52 well-annotated games, including a win by Schuyler against former PayPal mogul Peter Thiel who in the late 1980s and early 1990s was rated over 2300 USCF.

Grandmaster Alex Sherzer, who grew up near Schuyler, has five of his wins featured. This reviewer agrees with the author that Sherzer worked hard on his chess and recalls him systematically going through Averbakh's Comprehensive Endgame series (easily over 1000 pages!), something that paid big dividends for his understanding of the game. However Sherzer's assertion that he was not particularly talented could certainly be debated. After all he taught himself Hungarian (motivated by his friendship with Sofia Polgar when they were young) and later became a medical doctor. The ability to work hard is a talent in its own right.

Morphy Move by Move is the fourth book on great players by Paraguayan Grandmaster Zenon Franco, following earlier works on Viswanathan Anand, Boris Spassky and Akiba Rubinstein, and it should receive a warm welcome, particularly from players rated below 2200 who will find much instructive material.

Paul Morphy played over 150 years ago, but his games remain models of how to exploit a lead in development. Because he was so much better than most of the players of his era his games have a "crime and punishment" quality to them that makes them particularly effective teaching tools. Add to this the Everyman Chess Move by Move format, where the reader is asked a question after practically every move, and you have an excellent and enjoyable way to learn basic principles of the opening and middlegame. Readers rated below 2000 who carefully study the 34 heavily annotated games can't help but improve.

The Sicilian Sveshnikov: Move by Move

Cyrus Lakdawala's latest book for Everyman also uses the Move by Move format, engaging the reader with a question and answer format that should make the Sveshnikov (1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5) accessible to a much wider audience that previous works on the subject. The San Diego International Master devotes 325 pages to the ins and outs of this popular defense, using 41 model games to state his case for Black's chances, but that is not the only variation he covers. Breaking new ground he spends the last 75 pages of this tome to cover the "Ulfie".

Never heard of The Ulfie? That's because Lakdawala is the first writer to cover this online specialty of the legendary Swedish Grandmaster Ulf Anderson. After 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 doesn't play 6...d6 but instead 6...h6!? to control the d5 square by denying Bg5. After 7.Nd6+ Bxd6 8.Qxd6 Qe7 9.Qxe7+ Kxe7 play transposes into a queenless middlegame where White has the bishop pair but Black also has trumps. His king is well placed for the endgame and his light-squared bishop complements the ...e5, ...d6 pawn structure. Lakdawala, who has successfully played this line for over a decade, has done much original analysis and practical testing of this variation that requires Black to rely as much on his intuition as concrete calculation. In particular he shows that 7.Be3 is not the refutation of Black's play as is sometimes claimed. That after 7...d6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7! 10.c3! Nf5! 11.Bxa7 Be7 Black has good long-term compensation for the pawn.

The Sicilian Sveshnikov Move by Move has a lot going for it. Those who want not just analysis but also prose to explain the ideas behind this aggressive line of the Sicilian will find Lakdawala's work quite helpful and this includes those rated up to 2300. The second half of the book on the "Ulfie" may prove interesting for even stronger players looking for something a little different - a Sicilian variation where positional understanding often trumps calculating ability. The two lines also pair off well together - one sharp and one considerably quieter - making them the basis for a Black repertoire.

All three of these books should prove helpful for the aspiring club player aiming to become a master.

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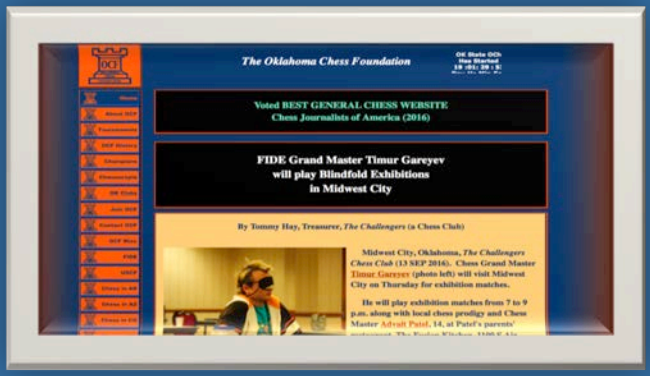
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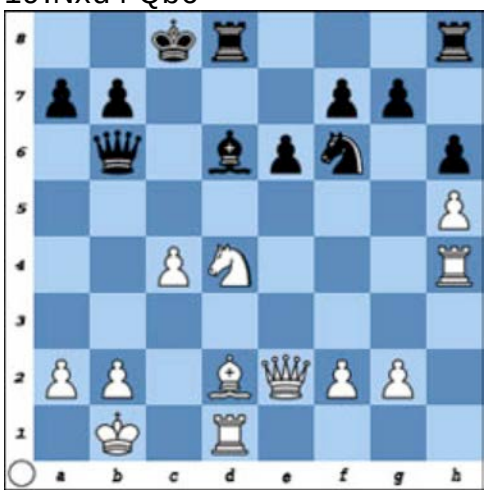
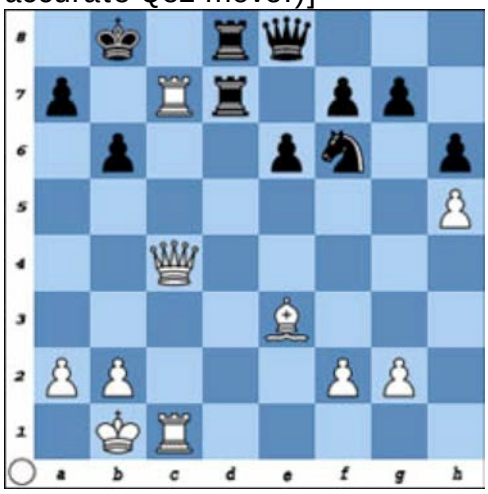
Nugent,Michael (2070) – Glashausser,Sho (1870) [B19]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 Okla City OK (5.6), 03.09.2017
[Tom Braunlich]
This game was awarded the $100 "Best Game" prize in the open section, donated by Harold Brown, judged by the Tulsa Chess Club (downtown). It features a pure pawn sacrifice for initiative by white, with good defense for black, and could have gone either way...
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Ngf6 11.Bd2 Qc7
This is the solid but old-fashioned way of playing the main line of the Caro-Kann, intending 0-0-0. More modern approach is 11...e6 with ideas of kingside castling.
12.0-0-0 0-0-0
[12...e6 13.Ne4 0-0-0 14.g3 would have reached the classical main line tabiya, where white has ideas of Bf4 and Ne5 with a space advantage, but black is solid.; Instead, Michael thought that black's 12...0-0-0 might be planning to play ...e5 for black in one go, so he chose a move to discourage that:]
13.Rh4 e6
[13...e5? 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Qf5+ Ned7 and black is cramped while white's R threatens to swing to the left side and Bf4 is also a threat.]
14.Ne4 [14.Bf4 might have been a way to take advantage of the move order played here, but it wouldn't really be much better than the game continuation, which transposes back to positions similar to the main lines quoted above. 14...Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6; 14.c4!?]
14...Nxe4 15.Qxe4 [15.Rxe4? Nc5] 15...Nf6 16.Qe2 Bd6 17.c4
So, as usual in this line, white has a small space advantage, with chances of establishing a N on e5. But white's h-pawn can often be a weakness in some endings as well. 17...c5
[A common move in such formations, and Sho probably wanted to stop white from playing c5 since he doesn't have ...Bf4 as a response here, i.e. 17...Rhe8 18.c5 Bf8 19.Ne5 with an edge for white.]
18.Kb1
Michael anticipates action on the queenside, and not only safeguards his king but more importantly anticipates Rc1 with tactics on the c-file
18...cxd4
[I don't like this, although it can't be called a mistake. I think however that black does better to keep white's c-pawn blockaded. Better would have been 18...Kb8 also heading for safety and preparing ...Rc8 if needed. Black's king might well go to a8 soon, as well. Books on the classic Caro-Kann discuss plans for black in such positions at length, and are worth study. White can play quietly with Bc3 followed by Ne5, or he can instead try to force a breakthrough on the c5 point by getting in the move b2ñb4, with interesting play ahead. 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.Bc3 etc.]
19.Nxd4 Qb6



[This move is playing with fire. Apparently Sho did not believe white's upcoming pawn sacrifice would be any good, as this move encourages it. I still think black should blocked the c-pawn: 19...Bc5= 20.Nb5 Qe7 21.Rh3!? is about even.]
20.c5!
A pure sacrifice for vague attacking chances, but it puts great pressure on black to defend, and thus is a good practical try to win. Still it requires accuracy by both players... who were up to the task!
20...Bxc5 21.Rc1 Kb8 22.Nb3
Not only threatening black's key defensive piece (Bc5) but Ba5 as well.
22...Rd5 23.Rhc4 Bd6 24.Be3 Qb5!
[24...Qd8 25.Ra4 a6 26.Rxa6! bxa6 27.Qxa6 Qd7 28.Rc6 is an example of the pitfalls Sho is having to avoid!]
25.Qc2
The c-file control gives mating threats, but black can defend.
25...Qd7 26.Nc5 Bxc5 27.Bxc5
Sho has been defending perfectly so far, but white has won the bishop and will always have lots of chances to penetrate on the dark squares now. Still, my computer thinks the position is balanced.
27...b6
[27...Rxh5? 28.Bd6+;
27...Nxh5 28.Be3 Nf6 29.Rc7 Qd8 30.Rxf7;
Fritz gives the following computerish defensive line: 27...Rd2 28.Qc3 Rd1 29.Qe3 a6 30.Qg3+ Ka8 31.Qxg7 Qd3+ 32.Ka1 Rd8 33.Qxf6? Qxc4 and wins.;
However, after 27...Rd2 28.Qc3 Rd1 29.Qe3 a6 30.Bd4! I think white would still have compensation for the pawn, i.e. 30...Rxc1+ 31.Rxc1 Rd8 *(31...Nxh5? 32.Qe5+ Ka8 33.Qc5! b5 34.Qb6 Qb7 35.Qd6* with a winning attack.*)* 32.Bxf6 gxf6 33.Qf4+ Ka8 34.Qxf6=]
28.Be3 Rd8 29.Rc7 Qe8 30.Qc4?!
[Here the players trade a pair of mistakes. The Qc4 move threatens to win with Qa6, but correct was 30.Qe2 with the same idea while also controlling the d1 square, and the game would go on.]
30...R5d7?!
[30...Rd1! was black's chance to win by trading off an attacking piece. 31.Qa6 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Nd5 and black is better. (This would have been prevented with the more accurate Qe2 move.)]



31.Bf4! e5 32.Qc6
[The computer points out another clever way for white to get a slight endgame edge out of this: 32.Rxd7 Nxd7 33.Qc7+ Ka8 34.Qc6+ Kb8 35.Qd6+ Ka8 36.Rc7 threatening Qc6+ and mate 36...Nc5 37.Re7! *(37.Qxe5? Rd1+ 38.Kc2 Rc1+! 39.Kd2 Qd8+ 40.Qd6 Ne4+* wins.*)* 37...Rxd6 38.Rxe8+ Kb7 39.Bxe5 Re6 40.Rxe6 Nxe6 With B vs N white could play for a win, as Fischer used to do successfully; but the game should be a draw.]
32...Rxc7 33.Qxc7+ Ka8 34.Bxe5
So after all that, white has won his pawn back and black's king is still exposed. Is white winning?
34...Qd7?
[Trading queens, but losing. Unfortunately, perhaps in some time trouble, Sho overlooks a nice resource to secure a draw: 34...Nd5! 35.Qc6+ Qxc6 36.Rxc6 Kb7 and unlike the game, in this line black doesn't lose one of his kingside pawns.]
35.Qxd7 Rxd7 36.Bxf6 gxf6 37.Rc6!
White wins a pawn and the rook ending is "a matter of technique" —
37...Rd5 38.Rxf6 Rxh5 39.Rxf7 Rg5 40.g3 Rc5 41.g4 h5 42.gxh5 Rxh5 43.Kc2 Rd5 44.Kc3 b5 45.f4 Kb8 46.f5 a6 47.f6 Rd6 48.Rf8+ Kc7 49.f7 Rf6 50.Ra8 1-0

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5-SS, G/90, +30. Drury University, Trustee Science Center - Reed Auditorium, 900 N. Benton Ave., Springfield, MO 65802. **Open**: $150-120, **U1600** 90, **U1400**: 60, **U1200** 40. 5.0 Bonus: $40. Prizes: b/25 non-scholastic entries. **EF**: $30 by 11/3, $40 at door. Scholastic (rating only) $15 by 11/3, $25 at door. MCA membership required, OSA. **Reg.**: 8-9:30. Rounds: Sat 10, 2:30, 7; Sun 9:30, 2:30. **Byes**: One 1/2 point bye if req before round 3. **Ent**: Joplin Chess Club, 2609 New Hampshire, Joplin, MO 64804. Checks payable to Martin Stahl. TD **Info**: joplinchess.org, martin.stahl@joplinchess.org, 417-483-1554**. Site Map:** http://www.drury.edu/map/drurymap_color.pdf

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5SS, G/90;+30. Wyndham Hotel, 10918 E. 41st St., Tulsa, OK. 918-627-5000. Free WiFi. EF: $40 if mailed by 11/15, $50 at site. Free OCF Memb.. Two Sections: Open & Reserve (U1700). $$Prizes: Open: 1st $1,000(G), 2nd $250 (G), plus other prizes per entries. Reserve: 1st $300(G) plus other prizes per entries. Reg.: 9-9:45 Sat AM. Byes: One 1/2-pt bye Rds. 1-5 if commit before Sat 9pm. Rds.: 10-2:30-7, 9-1:15. Entries to: Tom Braunlich, 7500 S. Birch, Broken Arrow, OK 74011. Inquiries: tom.braunlich@cox.net. Web: www.ocfchess.org.

DEC 30 26th Annual Holiday Open Tulsa OK

4-SS, G/50+15spm. (Dual rated). Harvard Ave Baptist Church, 17th & Harvard, Tulsa. Details soon to be announced.

Tran,Luke (1647) –
Wells,Bruce (1560) [B03]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 (3.8), 02.09.2017
[TB]
Nine-year-old Luke Tran plays a very nice game here against veteran Bruce Wells. 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 0-0 George Hulburd used to play this variation a lot with black. It is cramped, but can spring surprises. However, Luke plays carefully, using his space advantage with some nice maneuvers. 7.0-0 d5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Be3 Na5 10.Nd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 c6 12.f4 h5?! 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Qd2 f6 15.Nh4 Qd7 16.Nxf5 Qxf5 17.Ne2 Qd7 18.Qd3 f5 19.Bd2! An example of the nice regrouping moves he plays in this game, excellent for his age! 19...e6 20.Bb4 Rfd8 21.Kh1 Nc8 22.Qg3 Qf7 23.Ng1! b6 24.Nf3 Bh6 25.Ng5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Rd7

27.Ra6! Very good. 27...Qg7 28.Rf3 Intending Rc3 to attack the c6 pawn. 28...Kh7 29.Rc3 Rc7 30.Qd8 Rd7 31.Qe8 Winning by zugzwang. 31...b5 32.Qxe6 Nb6 33.Qxc6 Rc8 34.Qxb5 Rdc7 35.Rxc7 Rxc7 36.Bc5 Nc8 37.g3 g5 38.Qd3 gxf4 39.Qxf5+ Kh8 40.Qxh5+ 1-0

Xie,Kelvin (1379) –
Styers,Norman (1700) [B03]
Jerry Spann Memorial 2017 -Reserve (5.15), 03.09.2017
1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Nf3 N8d7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 g6 10.Be3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.b3 Nf6 13.Rae1 d5 14.c5 Nbd7 15.Qb5 Qc7 16.h3 e6 17.Ne2 a6 18.Qb4 e5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Bf4 Qe7 22.Bd6 Qd7 23.Bxf8 Bxf8 24.Qf4 Ne4 25.b4 b6 26.Rd1 bxc5 27.Qxe4 and white won 1-0

GAMES FROM THE 2017 KANSAS OPEN

Graham-Bowcaster,Shaun (2225) -
Luther,Ron (1924) [A26]
2017 Kansas Open (2.3), 22.07.2017
[Laurence Coker]
1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nge2 Be6 7.Nd5 Qd7 8.d3 {last book move} 8...h6 9.Rb1 Nd8 10.Be3 c6 11.Ndc3 Bh3 12.0-0 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nf6 14.h3 0-0 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 Nh5 18.f5 Qe7 19.Rf3 Rg8 20.fxg6+ fxg6 21.Rbf1 Nf6 22.Nf4 g5 23.Nfe2± g4 24.Rg3 gxh3+ 25.Kf2 [25.Kh1≤ Ng4!? 26.Rxh3! Nxe3 27.Qxe3≤ Fritz] 25...Nf7 26.Ke1 h2 27.Nd4 Ng4 28.Nf5 Nxe3 29.Rxe3 Qg5 30.Rh3 Qxd2+ 31.Kxd2 Be5 32.d4 Rg2+ 33.Ne2 Bf6 34.Rh1 Re8 35.Kd3 d5 36.e5 (36. cxd5 cxd5 37. e5 Rf2 38. Ne3 Bxe5 39. Ng4 Rxe2 40. dxe5 Nxe5+ 41. Kxe2 Nxg4+ =) 36...Bxe5 37.Nxh6? Ng5 38.Rh4 Nf3 39.Rh3 Ng1 40.Nxg1 hxg1Q 41.Nf5+? (41. Ng4+ {better} Kg7 42. Rxg1 Rxg1 43. Nxe5 {advantage for black but not as much as after 41.Nf5+?}) 41...Kg6 0-1

Shaun Graham-Bowcaster (Photo: Cheng Zhong)

More Kansas Open games on page 13.

Solutions to Danny Dunn's Chess Problems:

Solution 1: 1.Bg8! c2 2.Rf7 Ka2 3.Ra7#. The Rf7 interferes with the Bg8 releasing stalemate and setting up a discovered checkmate. This is an illustration of the "Indian Theme," from the first example from India by H.A. Loveday to the Chess Player's Chronicle in 1845.

Solution 2: 1.Rb1! and now:

(A) 1... d3 2.Ba1 e5 3.Rb2 (familar?) Kd4 4.Rb4# (Indian Theme)
(B) 1... e5 2.Bd8 d3 3.Bb6 Kd4 4. Rb4# (Pin-Mate).

Solution 3: a) 1. ... h2 2. Kb8 Kh3 3.a8Q h4 4.Qf3#. b) (with black bishop added to e1): 1. ... Bg3 2.Kb7 Bb8 3.axb8Q d5 4.Qf4#; When the solutions have two similar mates, this is called an *echo*.

Solution 4: 1. ... Kg4 2.Kh7 Kf4 3.Kg6 Ke5 4.Kh5 Kf6 5.Kg4 Kg6 6.Kxg3 Kh5 7.Kh3 g6 8.g4#. An interesting dance of kings! Did you notice the Black king made a six-point circle? That is called a *Rundlauf*, from the German word meaning circular movement.

Solution 5. 1. ...Na2 2.Bc3 Kc1 3.Bd2+ Kb2 4.Bc1+ Ka1 5.Bb2#. The bishop moved in a four-point diamond Rundlauf.

Solution 6: 1. ... Kc3 2,Bf3 Kd4 3.Bh5 Kd5 4.Bg6 Nd4 5.Be4#. The B moved in a four-point rectangular Rundlauf!

Solution 7: 1.Bxh6! b5 2.Kg3 b4 3.Rg5 Ke3 4.Rxe5#. Another example of the Indian theme.

Solution 8: 1. ... Qa6 2.Kf2 Ra4 3.Ke3 Kb4 4.Kd4 Ka5+ 5.Kc5 Rb4 6.c3 Ba4 7.cxb4#. Notice how the Black King shields the White King allowing him to cross the fourth rank. This kind cooperation is typical of helpmates

Solution 9: 1. ... h1Q 2.Bg1 Qh7 3.Bh2 Ke3 4.Bg3 Qd3 5.Bf2#. A White Bishop Rundlauf. A good example of White and Black cooperation.

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